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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I LOVE my ISP and would be devastated if this local company were put out of business. They supply exactly what all the big merger-maniac companies don't: great, personal, knowledgeable, reasonably priced service and responsive help when there's a problem. I KNOW these people. Who can say that these days?

Competition in the marketplace is what capitalism is all about, but with the consolidation of ever-larger companies, the consumer is losing. These huge companies are disconnected from their customers, insensitive to and ignorant of local issues.

I live in a rural area, and having the ability to connect through my local provider ensures me excellent Internet and telephone service at a reasonable price, far less than what I would have to pay one of the leviathan companies whose service doesn't measure up anyway. I see constant notices on NextDoor of Comcast and ATT service "down".

Save competition and choice for consumers. DON'T let corporate interests trump the people's best interests!

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